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AMENDMENT A

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 28, 2002 (Paper No. 12), please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please substitute the following clean paragraph for the corresponding paragraph in the as-filed specification. A marked-up version of this paragraph showing the changes made is set forth following the Remarks section of this Amendment.

Page 2, line 26 – page 2, line 32:

Therefore, when a start signal is output at the push of the start/stop button at a subsequent point T4, measurement recognition (motor pulse output) of the control circuit is started, whereas the safety mechanism is put into the return possible state. Furthermore, when a stop signal is output at the push of the start/stop button at a subsequent point T5, measurement recognition (motor pulse output) of the control circuit is turned off, whereas the safety mechanism is put into the return impossible state.

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-16 without prejudice nor disclaimer of subject matter.